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S E C R E T TEHRAN 6223

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP

REF: STATE 165179

1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT AN AUDIENCE WITH HIM AT THE CASPIAN AND A SEPARATE MEETING WITH FONMIN KHALATBARY WILL BE POSSIBLE DURING JULY 10-11 PERIOD. NORMAL PRACTICE HERE IS FOR THE COURT TO ARRANGE AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION FROM TEHRAN TO THE CASPIAN AND RETURN. FONOFF WILL GIVE US FIRM SCHEDULE EARLY NEXT WEEK INTO WHICH WE SHALL MELD SOCIAL EVENTS NOTED PARA THREE REFTEL.

2. I HAVE WANTED OUR NEW DATT TO TAKE AN AREA

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OREINTATION AND FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHT EARLY ON IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT HERE. THE DATT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND I BELIEVE AREA KNOWLEDGE IS ESSENTIAL FOR HIM IF HE IS TO RELATE EFFECTIVELY TO HIGH-LEVEL IRANIAN AND MIDEAST MILITARY OFFICERS HERE. IT OCCURS TO ME, THEREFORE, THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER USE OF THE EMBASSY

AIRCRAFT (A C-12) FOR HIS TRAVEL EASTWARD. THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS AIRCRAFT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE UNDER SECRETARY A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN HIS SCHEDULING IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL LAST MINUTE APPOINTMENTS WERE SCHEDULED. I HAVE TALKED WITH OUR DATT AND HE AND THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THIS PERIOD. FLIGHT TIME FROM TEHRAN TO NEW DELHI WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS AND NECESSITATE REFUELING EITHER AT ZAHEDAN (EASTERN IRAN) OR IN PAKISTAN. OTHER LEGS ARE EASILY MANAGEABLE. UNDER SECRETARY COULD LEAVE TEHRAN EVENING OF JULY 11 AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED OR DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL EARLY A.M. JULY 12. PERHAPS A FURTHER OPTION WOULD BE TO VISIT PAKISTAN BEFORE INDIA AND CUT DOWN TIM LONG LFIGHTS.

3. FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES, DATT IS INFORMING DIA OF POSSIBLE AREA ORIENTATION VISIT ON ABOVE DATES.
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